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Claim 18 (Currently Amended)

A method for identifying an item comprising the steps of;
creating an image of said item;
creating descriptive text of said item;
associating said descriptive text with said image; and
selectively using said image and said associated and descriptive text to identify
said item.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 18 wherein said item comprises an individual.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended)

A method of identifying an item comprising the steps of:
creating an image of said item;
creating a descriptive record of said item;
storing said created image and said descriptive record;
presenting a tangible object;
displaying said previously stored image and said previously stored
descriptive record in response to said presentment of said tangible object; and
using said previously stored image and previously stored descriptive record to identify
said item.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 20 wherein said item comprises an individual.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 21 wherein said tangible object comprises a card having certain predetermined data.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 22 wherein said step of using said previously stored image and said previously stored descriptive record to identify said item comprises the step of comparing said previously stored image with said individual and of comparing said previously stored descriptive record with said individual.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 23 further comprising the step of allowing said individual to perform some predetermined action only if said individual has been identified.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 24 wherein said predetermined action comprises using an automated teller machine.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 24 wherein said predetermined action comprises performing a retail transaction.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 24 wherein said predetermined action comprises performing a financial transaction.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 20 wherein said created image is stored within a first database and wherein said descriptive record is stored within a second database.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 20 wherein said descriptive record is stored within a database and wherein said created image is stored as a separate file.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended)

A method for identifying an item, said method comprising the steps of:

- creating an image of said item;
- compressing said created image;
- storing said compressed image and created image;
- creating text
- storing said created text;
- associating said created text with said stored and compressed image;
- selectively downloading said stored and compressed image;
- decompressing said downloaded image;
- displaying said downloaded and decompressed image and said associated text; and
- using said displayed decompressed image and said associated text to identify said item.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 30 wherein said decompressed image and said associated text are concurrently displayed.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 30 wherein said item comprises an individual.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 30 wherein said step of associating said text with said image comprises the step of placing a certain image identification tag within said text.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 30 wherein said item composes a product.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended)

A method of selectively identifying a plurality of items, said method comprising the steps of:

- creating separate images of each of said items;
- separately compressing each of said images;
- storing each of said compressed images;
- creating text for each of said compressed images;
- storing said created text;
- downloading said compressed images and said respectively associated text in any desired order and at any desired time to a central station.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 35 wherein said plurality of items comprises a plurality of individuals.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended)

A method for determining whether to allow a secure financial transaction to occur, said method comprising the steps of:

- creating an image comprising at least one unique characteristic of an entity;
- creating textual information;
- associating said created textual information with said created image;

uploading, to at least one database, said created image and said created textual information;

retrieving said created image and said created textual information by use of received information from said entity;

displaying at least a portion of said retrieved image and textual information, thereby creating a display;

performing a visual comparison of said display with said entity; and

determining whether to allow said financial transaction to occur by use of said visual comparison and said textual information.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 37 wherein said step of performing said visual comparison comprises the steps of:

ascertaining at least one physical characteristic of said entity; and

comparing said ascertained at least one physical characteristic with said image.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 37 wherein said entity comprises a human being.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended)

A method for determining whether to allow a secure financial transaction to occur, said method comprising the steps of:

creating an image comprising at least one unique characteristic of an object;

creating textual information;

associating said created textual information with said created image;

uploading to at least one database, said created image and said created textual information;

retrieving said created image and said created textual information by use of received information from said entity;

displaying at least a portion of said retrieved image and textual information, thereby creating a display;

performing a visual comparison of said display with said entity; and

determining whether to allow said financial transaction to occur by use of said visual comparison and said textual information.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 40 further comprising the steps of:

providing a terminal; and

coupling said terminal to said database by use of a private connection.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 40 further comprising the steps of:

providing a terminal; and

coupling said terminal to said database by use of a public connection.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 37 further comprising the steps of:

providing a credential;

reviewing said credential; and

allowing said created image and said created textual information to be retrieved only upon review of said credential.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 43 wherein said credential comprises a token.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 44 further comprising the step of creating copies of an image.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended)

A method for effectuating a transaction, said method comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of characteristics; of a plurality of items;

associating each of said plurality of characteristics with a unique one of said plurality of items;

creating a plurality of images; of each of said plurality of items;

associating each of said plurality of images with a unique one of said plurality of items;

storing said created plurality of characteristics and said created plurality of images within at least one database;

providing an identification object;

recognizing said identification object;

in response to said recognition of said identification object, selecting a predetermined one of said plurality of images and the characteristic which has been previously associated with said predetermined one of said plurality of images; and

determining whether to allow said transaction to be effectuated by use of said provided image and said associated characteristic.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 wherein said identification object comprises a token.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 wherein said identification object comprises an identification card.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended)

A method for effectuating a transaction, said method comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of characteristics, of a plurality of items;

associating each of said plurality of characteristics with a unique one of said plurality of items;

creating a plurality of images of each of said plurality of items;

associating each of said plurality of images with a unique one of said plurality of items;

storing said created plurality of characteristics and said created plurality of images within at least one database;

providing an identification object;

recognizing said identification object;

in response to said recognition of said identification object, selecting a predetermined one of said plurality of images and a predetermined one of said plurality of characteristics with said predetermined one of said plurality of images; and

determining whether to allow said transaction to be effectuated by use of said provided image and said associated characteristic.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 further comprising the step of printing said provided image before said transaction has been effectuated.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 wherein said plurality of images is stored in a first database and wherein said plurality of characteristics is stored in a second database.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 51 wherein said plurality of images are compressed.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 51 wherein said plurality of images are stored in a first format and displayed in a second format.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 wherein said transaction comprises an auction.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended)

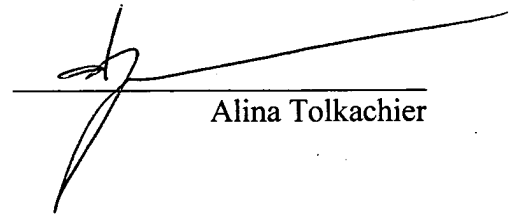
The method of Claim 46 wherein said transaction comprises a financial transaction.

Claim 56 (Currently Amended)

The method of Claim 46 wherein each of said plurality of images may be selectively associated with a plurality of items.

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EXHIBIT “A”

A COMPARISON OF THE PENDING INDEPENDENT CLAIMS WITH THE DISCLOSURE OF THE ‘699 PATENT

PENDING CLAIM 18

SUPPORT WITHIN THE ‘699 PATENT

A method for identifying an item
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“Examples of applications for this
technology include... product catalogs...
and personal or professional introduction
and identification services” (lines 43-51
of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

creating an image of said item;

“When all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image capture process is complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “Figure 1 assumes by example a personal-computer-based system which relies upon the use of an industry-standard still-video camera at step 2 ...” (lines 53-55 of column 2 of The ‘699 Patent). “The images and audio portions may be collected locally or from remote sites in a variety of still video, motion, or multimedia formats” (lines 3-5 of The Abstract of The ‘699 Patent).

creating descriptive text of said item;

“The text for any captions, either included in the image itself or in an area adjacent to the image, may be added automatically by the computer at the time of display, either by including the caption information as part of the image data file itself, or in a separate, associated data file. In addition, customized ‘Windows’ based software may be used to speed the data entry by providing a guided input structure” (lines 15-22 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent). “area 104 is designated for text information to describe the product...” (lines 12-15 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

associating said descriptive text with
said image; and

“Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images” (lines 16-20 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent). “As an example of a simple way to associate images with text files, a text file containing product description information to be displayed in the area designated 104 may be given a coded name” (lines 24-27 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

selectively using said image and said associated and descriptive text to identify said item.

“Examples of applications, for this technology include... product catalogs... and personal or professional introduction and identification services” (lines 43-51 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

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creating a descriptive record of said item;

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storing said created image and said
descriptive record;

“when all of the images and any
associated text or image files have been
stored, the image capture process is
complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The
‘699 Patent).

presenting a tangible object;

“A sound track of music, narration, or other audio may be added to the master recording from a source such as an analog or digital tape player or CD or mini-disc player at step 48.

Alternatively, other video sources may be integrated into the recording. If the audio program materials have been collected and stored on the computer, or are stored as part of any combined audio/video format, they may be replayed by adding one of the commercially available sound plug-in boards, or by adding specialized hardware required for custom or proprietary audio and/or video formats” (lines 6-15 of column 5 of The

‘699 Patent). (emphasis added).

“Examples of applications for this technology include...identification services” (lines 43-51 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

displaying said previously stored image and previously stored descriptive record in response to said presentment of said tangible object; and

“After all of the images and any associated text or image files have been collected, they may be replayed in a predetermined sequence” (lines 26-28 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “One possible configuration for the screen display is shown in FIG. 3 generally at 100. A standard VGA-format screen having dimensions of 640 pixels (horizontal) X 480 pixels (vertical) is preferably used, though, certainly other formats are equally applicable. Within the screen display is an image display area 102, shown with dimensions in pixels of 496 X 180. If a still video camera by Dyeam, Inc. is utilized, this image area will be completely filled by the camera output image; as an alternative, the area may contain one or more images from a variety of sources 24. A separate area 106 may be utilized to show product identification information, such as manufacturer name,

manufacturer logo, or additional image information, and area 104 is designated for text information to describe this product. Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images" (lines 3-20 of column 6 of The '699 Patent).

using said previously stored image and
previously stored descriptive record to
identify said item.

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A method for identifying an item
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compressing said created image;

“Therefore, the practical application of this technology makes use of data compression, such as the industry standard JPEG data compression scheme for still-video images, or the commercially available Leadview software offered by Lead Technologies, Inc. This compression at step 10 is performed by using special computer software, and results in so-called “lossy” data compression to approximately 25 to 35 KiloBytes per image. Higher or lower compression ratios may be employed, depending on the particular nature of the image content and the intended usage of the images, and there is no requirement that all images use the same data compression method, or that they use the same data compression ratio. This compressed image is then stored on the hard-disk in a separate file at step 12. The computer operator then determines, at step 14, whether there

are additional images to capture, and if so, the procedure repeats the steps as just described” (lines 32-48 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent).

storing said compressed image and
created image;

“When all of the images and any
associated text or image files have been
stored, the image-capture process is
complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The
‘699 Patent).

creating text;

“The text for any captions, either included in the image itself or in an area adjacent to the image, may be added automatically by the computer at the time of display, either by including the caption information as part of the image data file itself, or in a separate, associated data file. In addition, customized ‘Windows’ based software may be used to speed the data entry by providing a guided input structure” (lines 15-22 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent). “area 104 is designated for text information to describe the product...” (lines 12-15 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

storing said created text;

“When all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image-capture process is complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent).

associating said created text with said stored and compressed image;

“The text for any captions, either included in the image itself or in an area adjacent to the image, may be added automatically by the computer at the time of display, either by including the caption information as part of the image data file itself, or in a separate, associated data file. In addition, customized ‘Windows’ based software may be used to speed the data entry by providing a guided input structure” (lines 15-22 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent). “area 104 is designated for text information to describe the product...” (lines 12-15 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent). “As an example of a simple way to associate images with text files, a text file containing product description information to be displayed in the area designated 104 may be given a code name (lines 24-28 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

selectively downloading said stored and compressed image;

“After all of the images and any associated text or image files have been collected, they may be replayed in a predetermined sequence” (lines 26-28 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “FIG. 2 shows the sequence of events relating to the playback of images. Images transmitted from remote computer systems are received via the modem at Step 30, and stored on the main computer as remotely digitized images at step 32. In addition, there may be locally digitized images at step 34 which also have been stored directly onto the main computer hard disk at step 36 by a process equivalent to that previously described in reference to FIG. 1. For the playback process, the images are retrieved at step 38 as data compressed images and de-compressed at block 40 and loaded into the buffer of the video scan-converter display card at step 42 installed in the computer, manufactured

by any of several sources, such as the HyperConverter scan-converter by PC Video Conversion Corp.” (lines 49-62 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “The images and audio portions may be collected locally or from remote sites in a variety of still video, motion, or multimedia formats. To reduce bandwidth or storage requirements, proprietary or commercially available compression/decompression data algorithms preferably are utilized during transmission and accumulation. Once a complete program is available the images and/or audio portions may be replayed automatically in a predetermined sequence, thereby allowing the program master video tape or disc to be recorded and distributed in a timely manner. As an alternative, the program presentation may be played back directly to a plurality of video recorders to effect duplication. In a

further alternative, the program presentation may be made available over communication links, allowing users to access the program information in blocks or by way of user-directed search" (lines 3-18 of The Abstract).

decompressing said downloaded image;

"FIG. 2 shows the sequence of events relating to the playback of images. Images transmitted from remote computer systems are received via the modem at Step 30, and stored on the main computer as remotely digitized images at step 32. In addition, there may be locally digitized images at step 34 which also have been stored directly onto the main computer hard disk at step 36 by a process equivalent to that previously described in reference to FIG.

1. For the playback process, the images are retrieved at step 38 as data compressed images and de-compressed at block 40 and loaded into the buffer of the video scan-converter display card at step 42 installed in the computer, manufactured by any of several sources, such as the HyperConverter scan-converter by PC Video Conversion Corp." (lines 49-62 of column 4 of The '699 Patent).

displaying said downloaded and decompressed image and said associated text; and

“One possible configuration for the screen display is shown in FIG. 3 generally at 100. A standard VGA-format screen having dimensions of 640 pixels (horizontal) X 480 pixels (vertical) is preferably used, though, certainly other formats are equally applicable. Within the screen display is an image display area 102, shown with dimensions in pixels of 496 X 180. If a still video camera by Dyeam, Inc. is utilized, this image area will be completely filled by the camera output image; as an alternative, the area may contain one or more images from a variety of sources 24. A separate area 106 may be utilized to show product identification information, such as manufacturer name, manufacturer logo, or additional image information, and area 104 is designated for text information to describe this product. Associated text and image information is

sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images” (lines 3-20 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

using said displayed decompressed image and said associated text to identify said item.

“Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images” (lines 16-20 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent). “As an example of a simple way to associate images with text files, a text file containing product description information to be displayed in the area designated 104 may be given a coded name” (lines 24-27 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent). “Examples of applications, for this technology include... product catalogs... and personal or professional introduction and identification services” (lines 43-52 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

A method of selectively identifying a plurality of items, said method of comprising the steps of:

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creating separate images of each of said items;

“The system by which video masters may be created will now be explained by reference to FIG. 1, which, for clarity, shows the procedures for capturing, collecting, storing, and sequentially displaying images captured by still-video cameras (lines 29-33 of column 2 of The ‘699 Patent). “The computer operator then determines, at step 14, whether there are additional images to capture, and, if so, the procedure repeats the steps as just described. Cameras which record their images directly onto disks in a format which is compatible with either IBM-PC disks or Apple Macintosh disks are becoming available, as are those using internal memory storage or PCMCIA-compatible storage devices” (lines 45-53 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent).

separately compressing each of said images;

“Therefore, the practical application of this technology makes use of data compression, such as the industry standard JPEG data compression scheme for still-video images, or the commercially available Leadview software offered by Lead Technologies, Inc. This compression at step 10 is performed by using special computer software, and results in so-called “lossy” data compression to approximately 25 to 35 KiloBytes per image. Higher or lower compression ratios may be employed, depending on the particular nature of the image content and the intended usage of the images, and there is no requirement that all images use the same data compression method, or that they use the same data compression ratio. This compressed image is then stored on the hard-disk in a separate file

at step 12. The computer operator then determines, at step 14, whether there are additional images to capture, and if so, the procedure repeats the steps as just described” (lines 32-48 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent).

storing each of said compressed images;

“when all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image capture process is complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent).

creating text for each of said compressed images;

“The text for any captions, either included in the image itself or in an area adjacent to the image, may be added automatically by the computer at the time of display, either by including the caption information as part of the image data file itself, or in a separate, associated data file. In addition, customized ‘Windows’ based software may be used to speed the data entry by providing a guided input structure” (lines 15-22 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent).

storing said created text; and

“when all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image capture process is complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent).

downloading said compressed images and said respectively associated text in any desired order and at any desired time to a central station.

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'699 Patent). "Alternatively, facilities may be provided to enable the user to scan through the program materials as a database, so that only user-selected products" (lines 57-59 of column 5 of The '699 Patent). "In a further alternative, the program presentation may be made available over communication links, allowing users to access the program information in blocks or by way of user-directed search" (lines 15-18 of The Abstract).

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creating an image comprising at least one unique characteristic of an entity;

“When all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image capture process is complete” (lines 1-3 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “Figure 1 assumes by example a personal-computer-based system which relies upon the use of an industry-standard still-video camera at step 2 ...” (lines 53-55 of column 2 of The ‘699 Patent). “The images and audio portions may be collected locally or from remote sites in a variety of still video, motion, or multimedia formats” (lines 3-5 of The Abstract of The ‘699 Patent).

creating textual information;

“The text for any captions, either included in the image itself or in an area adjacent to the image, may be added automatically by the computer at the time of display, either by including the caption information as part of the image data file itself, or in a separate, associated data file. In addition, customized ‘Windows’ based software may be used to speed the data entry by providing a guided input structure” (lines 15-22 of column 3 of The ‘699 Patent). “area 104 is designated for text information to describe the product...” (lines 12-15 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

associating said created textual
information with said created image;

“After all of the images and any associated text or image files have been collected, they may be replayed in a predetermined sequence” (lines 26-28 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “One possible configuration for the screen display is shown in FIG. 3 generally at 100. A standard VGA-format screen having dimensions of 640 pixels (horizontal) X 480 pixels (vertical) is preferably used, though, certainly other formats are equally applicable. Within the screen display is an image display area 102, shown with dimensions in pixels of 496 X 180. If a still video camera by Dyeam, Inc. is utilized, this image area will be completely filled by the camera output image; as an alternative, the area may contain one or more images from a variety of sources 24. A separate area 106 may be utilized to show product identification information, such as manufacturer name,

manufacturer logo, or additional image information, and area 104 is designated for text information to describe this product. Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images” (lines 3-20 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

uploading, to at least one database, said created image and said created textual information;

“When all of the images and any associated text or image files have been stored, the image-capture process is complete. If this procedure has been carried out on the computer that will be used for the image playback, no further action is required at this time. However, if the image-capture process has been performed at a remote computer, it will be necessary to either store the compressed images and any associated text or image files on conventional floppy discs for physical transportation to the site of the main computer, or else transmit them by a modem at step 16, through a data link at step 18 (i.e. a telephone line) to the main computer at step 20” (lines 1-12 of column 4 of The ‘699 Patent). “After all of the images and any associated text or image files have been collected, they may be replayed in a predetermined sequence” (lines 26-28 of column 4 of The ‘699

Patent). "FIG. 2 shows the sequence of events relating to the playback of images. Images transmitted from remote computer systems are received via the modem at Step 30, and stored on the main computer as remotely digitized images at step 32" (lines 49-53 of column 4 of The '699 Patent).

retrieving said created image and said created textual information by use of said received information from said entity;

For the playback process, the images are retrieved at step 38 as data compressed images and de-compressed at block 40 and loaded into the buffer of the video scan-converter display card at step 42 installed in the computer, manufactured by any of several sources, such as the HyperConverter scan-converter by PC Video Conversion Corp" (lines 56-62 of column 4 of The '699 Patent). "Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images" (lines 16-20 of column 6 of The '699 Patent).

displaying at least a portion of said retrieved image and textual information, thereby creating a display; and

“Within the screen display is an image display area 102, shown with dimensions in pixels of 496 X 180. If a still video camera by Dyeam, Inc. is utilized, this image area will be completely filled by the camera output image; as an alternative, the area may contain one or more images from a variety of sources

24. A separate area 106 may be utilized to show product identification information, such as manufacturer name, manufacturer logo, or additional image information, and area 104 is designated for text information to describe this product. Associated text and image information is sequentially displayed, in accordance with the predetermined sequence, in which an image may correspond to any number of text files, or a text file may correspond to any number of images” (lines 7-20 of column 6 of The ‘699 Patent).

performing a visual comparison of said display with said entity and determining whether to allow said financial transaction to occur by use of said visual comparison and said textual information.

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It should be realized that the foregoing is a non-exhaustive example of the support found within The ‘699 Patent for these claims and that other support, both in The ‘699 Patent and within United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/205,885, filed on March 3, 1994, exists.